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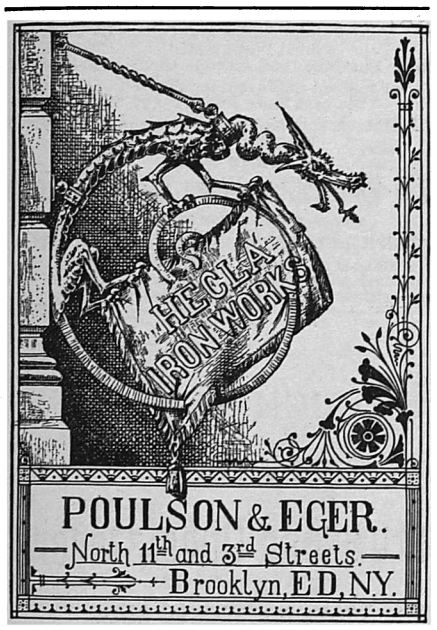

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IT would be a doubtful compliment to say merely that the rejuvenated "AMERICAN QUEEN AND TOWN TOPICS," is better than its former self, for the period of that paper's value was being very rapidly distanced under the able management of its printers, and the restoring hand of a journalist ever so limited in his experience or modest in his pretensions, could hardly fail to change its character in a favorable manner, if only temporarily. As it is, however, the publication has been taken by a gentleman who has all the knowledge of what it should be and the ability to make it so. Mr. James B. Townsend has so entirely changed the policy and make up of the paper that we are familiar with nothing about it excepting the ghost of a former title. The reading matter is now entirely condensed into paragraphs, and claims to be the very latest and newsiest gossip from the clubs, the theatres, the art galleries, the fashions, the publishers, and the various other phases of city life, the legitimate prey of the enterprising reporter. The construction of the weekly differs in all respects from those which have heretofore appeared in the same field, and it would be impossible to differ without making a very material gain.

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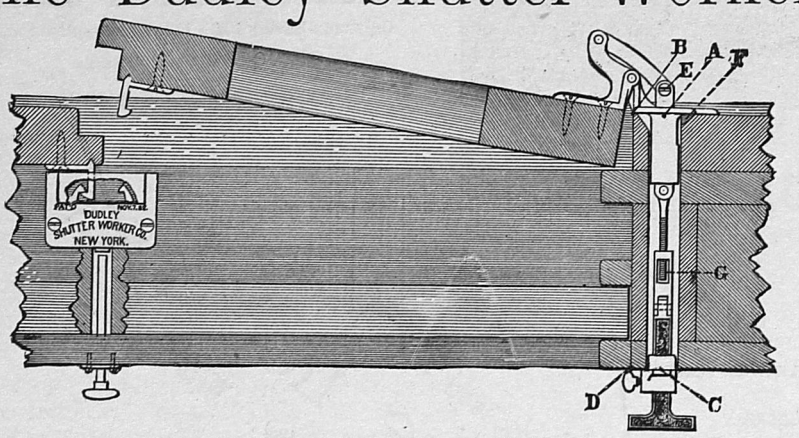

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